

CHAPTER 53

LOAD LIMITS

SCOPE

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This chapter sets load limits for through traffic operating on certain county-maintained roadways. (Ord. 692, Title, Eff. 4-21-79)

5301. - 5309. RESERVED

DEFINITIONS

5310. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words have the following meanings.

5311. Bus.

Bus means a motor vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of a driver and eight (8) or more passengers. (Ord. 692, Sec. 1, Eff. 4-21-79)

5312. Gross Weight.

Gross weight means the weight of a vehicle, or a vehicle combination, without a load plus the weight of any load the vehicle. (Ord. 692, Sec. 1.2, Eff. 4-21-79)

5313. Motor Vehicle.

Motor vehicle means any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracts. (Ord. 692, Sec. 1.3, Eff. 4-21-79)

5314. Operator.

Operator means a person who operates or drives a motor vehicle. (Ord. 692, Sec. 1.4, Eff. 4-21-79)

5315. Roadway.

Roadway means the improved portion of a county-maintained thoroughfare used for vehicular travel. (Ord. 692, Sec. 1.5, Eff. 4-21-79)

5316. School Bus.

School bus means a motor vehicle used solely to transport students to or from school, or to transport students to or from any place for educational purposes. (Ord. 692, Sec. 1.6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5317. Vehicle.

Vehicle means any mechanical device on wheels designed primary for use on roadway.

(Ord. 692, Sec. 1.7, Eff. 4-21-79)

5318. - 5319. RESERVED

OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

5320. Motor Vehicles Subject to Weight Limits.

Motor vehicles which are operated on roadways are subject to the weight limitations imposed by this or other applicable ordinance for the roadway specified. (Ord. 692, Sec. 2, Eff. 4-21-79)

C/R: 5330.00 - 5332.00, Weight limitations.

5321. Vehicle Operation in Excess of Weight Limits Prohibited.

No motor vehicle shall be operated on any roadway which is subject to weight limitations whose gross weight exceeds the weight for which the vehicle has been licensed by the state. (Ord. 692, Sec. 4, Eff. 4-21-79)

C/R: 5330.00 - 5332.00, weight limitations and gross weight, defined.

5322. Load Limit Exceptions.

The load limitation imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the following. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3, Eff. 4-21-79)

5322.1 Necessary to Conduct Business.

The load limitations imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the operation of motor vehicles, otherwise in violation of applicable load limits set by ordinance but not in excess of state load limits, to a destination located on a roadway which is necessary to the conduct of the business of the operator, provided that the roadway in question is used from the intersection nearest the destination point. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3.1, Eff. 4-21-79)

5322.2 Emergency Vehicles.

The load limitations imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the operation of law enforcement of fire fighting equipment or ambulances. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3.2, Eff. 4-21-79)

5322.3 School Bus.

The load limitations imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the operation of school buses. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3.3, Eff. 4-21-79)

C/R: 5316.00, school bus defined.

5322.4 Farm Equipment.

The load limitations imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the operation of farm equipment. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3.3, Eff. 4-21-79)

5322.5 County or Public Utility Vehicles.

The load limitations imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the operation of motor vehicles owned or operated by the county or public utilities or their contractors or material suppliers while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of roadways, bridges, right-of-way improvement or utility installations, equipment or fixtures. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3.4, Eff. 4-21-79)

5322.6 Special Permit, Vehicle Load Limitations.

The load limitations imposed by this chapter do not prohibit the operation of motor vehicles, otherwise in violation of applicable load limits, where the operator or owner of the vehicle first secures a permit for that operation from the Department of Public Works. (Ord. 692, Sec. 3.5, Eff. 4-21-79)

C/R: 5350.00 through 5324.00, relating to special permits.

5323. Penalty, Violation of Vehicle Load Limit Code.

The operation of motor vehicles in violation of the applicable load limits imposed by this chapter is a county ordinance violation which shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine calculated at one dollar (\$1) for each pound that the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds the applicable load limit. The fine shall not be less than one hundred (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Ord. 692, Sec. 2, Eff. 4-21-79)

5324. - 5329. RESERVED

WEIGHT LIMITS

5330. Load Limits of Roadways.

All roadways shall carry state load limits if not posted otherwise. (Ord. 692, Sec. 8, Eff. 4-21-79)

5331. 16,000 Pound Limit Roadways.

No motor vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 16,000 pounds shall be moved or operated on the roadways listed in Schedule A of this chapter. (Ord. 692, Sec. 8, Eff. 4-21-79)

5332. Load Limits on Bridges.

The load limits imposed by this or any other ordinance for roadways do not apply to or affect the posted load limits established by the Department of Public Works for county bridges. (Ord. 692, Sec. 7.B, Eff. 4-21-79)

5333. Twenty-four Thousand (24,000) Pound Limit Roadways.

No motor vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 24,000 pounds shall be moved or operated on the roadways listed in Schedule B of this chapter. (Ord. 1242, Eff. 9-26-84)

5334. - 5339. RESERVED

WEIGHT CHECKS

5340. Weight Checks.

Any Sheriff's Deputy may request that the weight of a motor vehicle be checked by either of the following means.

5341. Spot Checks.

On the request of any Sheriff's Deputy the operator of a motor vehicle shall permit the vehicle with its load, if any, to be weighed on the spot by the use of load meters or other weighing devices. (Ord. 692, Sec. 5, Eff. 4-21-79)

5342. Scale Check.

On the request of any Sheriff's Deputy the operator of a motor vehicle shall promptly convey the vehicle and load, if any, to the nearest state or public scale so designated by the deputy for the purpose of establishing the gross weight of the motor vehicle. (Ord. 692, Sec. 5, Eff. 4-21-79)

5343. Maximum Weight Exceeded.

If the gross weight established by Sections 5340.00 or 5341.00 is in excess of the maximum weight permitted for the roadway on which the motor vehicle was operated, the Sheriff's Deputy may require that the excess load be unloaded and stored at the operator's expense and risk before the vehicle is allowed to proceed. (Ord. 692, Sec. 5, Eff. 4-21-79)

5344. - 5349. RESERVED

SPECIAL PERMITS

5350. Special Permits, Single Indivisible Loads.

Notwithstanding the load limitations imposed by this chapter, the Director of Public Works may, at his discretion, issue a special permit for the carrying of a single, indivisible load in excess of those weight limitations. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5351. Contents of Permit.

The special permit issued by the Director shall contain the following.

5351.1 Prescribe Route.

The special permit shall prescribe the route and time of movement as approved by the Director of Public Works. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5351.2 Traffic Safety Requirements.

The special permit shall prescribe the traffic safety requirements as approved by the Director of Public Works. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5351.3 Insurance Requirements.

The special permit shall prescribe the insurance requirements as approved by the Director of Public Works. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5351.4 Precautions.

The special permit shall prescribe precautions to be taken in carrying the load. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5352. One Movement.

Special permits shall be for no more than one (1) movement or for a specific period of time. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5353. Permits Carried in Vehicle.

Special permits shall be carried in the motor vehicle and on request shall be shown to any Sheriff's Deputy or employee of the Department of Public Works. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5354. Liability for Damage.

The beneficiary of the special permit shall be liable to the county for the cost of repair to roadways or other public places damaged by anything done under the special permit or in violation of that permit. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5355. Bond, Load Limit Special Permit.

The director of Public Works may, at his discretion, require the applicant with a special permit to furnish a bond to the county conditioned so as to secure to the county the payment if any cost of repairs. (Ord. 692, Sec. 6, Eff. 4-21-79)

5356. - 5359. RESERVED

Schedule A

8 TON LOAD LIMIT
DESIGNATED ROADWAYS

Smart Road M-150 Highway to County Line Road
Harris Road M-150 Highway to U.S. 50 Highway

R. F. Gammon Road M-150 Highway to Lee's Summit-Lone Jack

Stringtown Road M-7 Highway to Hutt Road

Blackwell Road Langsford Road to Colbern Road

Howard Road Milton Thompson Road to Colbern Road

Cyclone School Road Colbern Road to Park Entrance

Stillhouse Road Colbern Road to Old U.S. 40 Highway

Arnette Road Major Road to Ryan Road

Minter Road Ryan Road to M-AA Highway

Dillingham Road M-FF Highway to Pink Hill Road

Elesa Smith Road U.S. 24 Highway to Blue Mills Road

Eckles Road Blue Mills Road to Hunter Road

Cass County Line Rd. 20' west of Miller to Miller Road

Miller Road From Cass County Line Rd. north to Casey

Casey Road From 22 E east to Lovers Lane

Lovers Lane South From U.S. 50 to Boswell

Boswell From Outer Belt Extension east to Johnson County Line Rd.

Johnson County Line Rd. From Boswell Rd. to Cass County Line Rd.

Sam Moore Rd. From 50 Highway to Boswell Rd.

Outer Belt Extension U.S. 50 south to Cass County Line Rd.
 (Ord. 1242, Eff. 9-26-84; Ord. 1877, 09/26/90; Ord. 2348, Eff. 11/29/94)

Schedule B

12 TON LOAD LIMIT
DESIGNATED ROADWAYS

Langsford Road - Lee's Summit City limits to M-7 Highway

Milton Thompson Rd. - From Highway 7 to 50 Highway

Blue Mills Road - (24 Highway to Buckner Tarsney)

Koger Road - (Blue Mills Road to Atherton Sibley Road)

Atherton-Sibley Road - (Atherton Road to city of Sibley)

Atherton Road - (Blue Mills Road to Atherton Road)

Courtney Atherton Road - (Old Atherton Road to Meyers Road)

Adams Road - (Atherton Road to Dead End)

Blue Valley Road - (Atherton-Sibley Road to Dead End)

Old Atherton Road - (Blue Mills Road to Atherton Road)

Twyman Road - (24 Highway to Blue Mills Road)

(Ord. 1242, Eff. 9-26-84; Ord. 1877, 09/26/90; Ord. 2303, Eff. 06/28/94)